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TAGS: [KWBG](#) [PGOV](#) [PINR](#) [ASEC](#) [PTER](#) [CVIS](#) [KHLS](#)
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HOST
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION COLLECTING/SHARING PRACTICES

REF: A. SECSTATE 133921
[1](#)B. JERUSALEM 1944

Classified By: Consul General Jake Walles, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (SBU) The Palestinian Authority (PA) does not control borders or administer border crossings. It does not collect information on travelers who enter the West Bank/Gaza from Israel or Israeli-administered crossing points. Response to Ref A's specific information requests follow:

[1](#)2. (C) A. The PA does not maintain traveler watchlists. The Interior Ministry and various PA intelligence/security agencies keep separate files on individual terror suspects/political threats.

[1](#)B. The PA does not conduct border/port-of-entry operations and thus does not collect or share passenger data records. The PA does not have access to records collected by the Government of Israel for travelers bound for the West Bank or Gaza.

[1](#)C. N/A

[1](#)D. N/A

[1](#)E. The PA's travel document (not officially a passport, but treated as a passport-equivalent by many countries, including the U.S.) does not contain biometric information. The PA issues replacement passports for full validity with the same appearance as the originally-issued document (Ref B).

[1](#)F. Host-government fraud prevention and detection are not up to international standards. Identity document fraud is increasing.

[1](#)G. The PA does not have systematic policies on retention/storage of personal data. Outside parties do not have legal standing to force disclosure of any personal data the PA collects.

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